

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

obtaining instances of a query for a database using one or more query generation rules, the database comprising elements, ~~each element comprising a field~~, the elements comprising ~~information and fields comprising information within the elements~~, the one or more query generation rules obtaining the instances of the query by annotating the query with at least one of the elements and corresponding fields of the database;

generating a teaser that corresponds to the query, the teaser comprising text that is based on the instances of the query;

wherein generating the teaser comprises:

obtaining a common feature among the instances of the query by matching

the instances of the query to one or more fields of the database; and

using the common feature to generate the teaser; and

outputting the teaser.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising storing the query and the teaser in a lookup table, the query and the teaser so stored comprising a stored query and a stored teaser, respectively.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving an input query for the database;  
determining whether the input query matches the stored query; and  
displaying the stored teaser if the input query matches the stored query.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the one or more query generation rules are domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the teaser is generated using one or more query matching rules, the one or more query matching rules being domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein generating the teaser further comprises executing a conflict resolution rule that identifies the teaser as a most popular one of plural teasers.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the database resides on a server connected to the Internet.

8. (Currently Amended) Machine-readable memory that contains instructions that are executable to cause at least one processing device to:

obtain instances of a query for a database using one or more query generation rules, the database comprising elements, ~~each element comprising a field~~, the elements comprising ~~information and fields comprising information~~ within the elements, the one or more query generation rules obtaining the instances of the query by annotating the query with at least one of the elements and corresponding fields of the database;

generate a teaser that corresponds to the query, the teaser comprising text that is based on the instances of the query;

wherein generating the teaser comprises:

obtaining a common feature among the instances of the query by matching

the instances of the query to one or more fields of the database; and

using the common feature to generate the teaser; and

output the teaser.

9 to 27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

memory that stores instructions that are executable; and

at least one processing device configured to execute the instructions to:

obtain instances of a query for a database using one or more query generation rules, the database comprising elements, ~~each element comprising a field~~, the elements comprising ~~information and~~ fields comprising information within the elements, the one or more query generation rules obtaining the instances of the query by annotating the query with at least one of the elements and corresponding fields of the database;

generate a teaser that corresponds to the query, the teaser comprising text that is based on the instances of the query;

wherein generating the teaser comprises:

obtaining a common feature among the instances of the query by  
matching the instances of the query to one or more fields of the database;  
and

using the common feature to generate the teaser; and  
outputting the teaser.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the at least one processing device is configured to execute instructions to store the query and the teaser in a lookup table, the query and the teaser so stored comprising a stored query and a stored teaser, respectively.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the at least one processing device is configured to execute instructions to:

receive an input query for the database;  
determine whether the input query matches the stored query; and  
display the stored teaser if the input query matches the stored query.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the one or more query generation rules are domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the teaser is generated using one or more query matching rules, the one or more query matching rules being domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein generating the teaser further comprises executing a conflict resolution rule that identifies the teaser as a most popular one of plural teasers.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the database resides on a server connected to the Internet.

35. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 8, further comprising instructions to store the query and the teaser in a lookup table, the query and the teaser so stored comprising a stored query and a stored teaser, respectively.

36. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 35, further comprising instructions to:

- receive an input query for the database;
- determine whether the input query matches the stored query; and
- display the stored teaser if the input query matches the stored query.

37. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 8, wherein the one or more query generation rules are domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

38. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 8, wherein the teaser is generated using one or more query matching rules, the one or more query matching rules being domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

39. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 8, wherein generating the teaser further comprises executing a conflict resolution rule that identifies the teaser as a most popular one of plural teasers.

40. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 8, wherein the database resides on a server connected to the Internet.